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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 18 have been amended to more particularly define Applicants' claimed invention. Basis for the amendment of claims 1 and 18 can be found in paragraphs [0007] and [0010] and original claims 9, 12, 22 and 23 of Applicant's specification as appropriate.

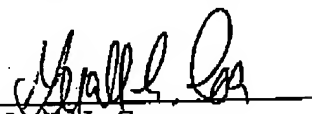
The rejection of claims 1-8, 10, 11, 13-21 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement is respectfully traversed.

In view of the amendment of independent claims 1 and 18, this rejection is deemed improper and should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of record is improper and that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of all claims are courteously solicited.

A response to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2006 was due February 1, 2007. Accordingly, submitted herewith is a petition for an extension of time for one (1) month. Please charge any fees/surcharge which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-2440.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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